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15. (AMENDED) An LED component group comprising:

a support that has a thermal conductivity of at least 1.5 W/Kxm and that has an exterior mounting surface;

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Con plural LEDs mounted directly on said exterior mounting surface, a distance between adjacent ones of said plural LEDs being no more than 5 mm, said plural LEDs having a packing density of at least 4 LEDs per square centimeter; and

connections for said plural LEDs mounted directly on said exterior mounting surface.

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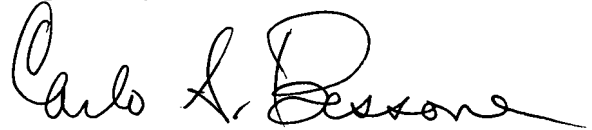
Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-15, 18 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Roney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,528,474). Claims 5, 11 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roney et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,528,474).

The Examiner has objected to Claim 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner states that no prior art was found teaching individually, or suggesting in combination, a packing density of at least 4 LEDs per square centimeter. In an effort to expedite prosecution Claims 1, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended and Claim 17 has been canceled.

The Application is deemed in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully urged. Should the Examiner persist in the rejection, entry of this Amendment is again requested for consideration on appeal. It is urged, however, that claims 1-16, 18 and 19 are patentably distinguishable and appeal is not necessary. Should the Examiner believe that minor differences exist which, if overcome, would pass the Application to allowance and that said differences can be discussed in a phone

conversation, the Examiner is respectfully requested to phone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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